

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A track fitting used in connection with a track extending along an item for
5 securing a covering to said item, the track fitting comprising:
a body, including at least one foot adapted to be received in one of a series of
openings defined by the track, said body further being adapted to receive and secure a portion of
the covering or a catch extending from the covering; and
a plunger placed adjacent to and vertically moveable with respect to said body,
10 said plunger being moveable between a first position that allows movement of the track fitting
along the track and a second position in which said plunger engages one of the openings defined
by the track, preventing further movement of the track fitting along the track.
2. The track fitting as recited in claim 1, wherein said plunger is biased toward the
15 second position.
3. The track fitting as recited in claim 1, wherein said body of the track fitting is
substantially C-shaped, including a first integral foot and a second integral foot defining an
opening therebetween adapted to receive and secure a portion of the covering or a catch
20 extending from the covering.

4. The track fitting as recited in claim 1, wherein said body further comprises a projection that extends through said plunger, said projection defining an aperture therethrough for receiving a cable to impede the vertical movement of said plunger.

5. A system including a covering and a fitting for securing said covering to a track, said fitting comprising:

a body supported by at least one integral foot adapted to be received by each of a series of openings defined by the track, a portion of said body being adapted for engaging the covering; and

a plunger slidably secured to said body and having a lower end adapted to be received by each of the openings defined by the track, wherein said plunger is movable between a first position that allows movement of the track fitting along the track and a second position in which the plunger engages one of the openings defined by the track.

6. The system as recited in claim 5, wherein said plunger is biased towards the second position.

7. The system as recited in claim 5, wherein said body of the track fitting includes a substantially C-shaped portion for engaging said covering and a second portion over which said plunger is slidably secured.

8. The system as recited in claim 5, and further comprising a locking mechanism for temporarily disabling the movement of said plunger.

9. The system as recited in claim 7, wherein said body further comprises a projection that extends through said plunger, said projection defining an aperture therethrough for receiving a cable to disable the movement of said plunger.

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10. The system as recited in claim 9, wherein the ends of said cable are secured to one another to prevent the undesired removal of said cable from said aperture of said projection.

11. The system as recited in claim 10, wherein a tracking label is secured to the ends
10 of said cable.

12. The system as recited in claim 5, wherein the covering has an inner surface and an outer surface, the color of said inner surface being distinct from the color of said outer surface, so that any damage to said covering is readily visible.

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13. In a system for securing cargo that includes a track extending substantially about the periphery of the cargo and a covering that is positioned over and substantially encloses said cargo, the improvement comprising:

a track fitting having

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a body with a least one foot adapted to be received in one of a series of openings defined by the track, said body further being adapted to receive and secure a portion of the covering or a catch extending from the covering, and

a plunger secured adjacent to and vertically moveable with respect to said body, said plunger being moveable between a first position that allows movement of the track fitting along the track and a second position in which said plunger engages one of the openings defined by the track, preventing further movement of the track fitting along the track.

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14. The system for securing cargo as recited in claim 13, wherein said plunger is secured to said body and is biased toward the second position.

15. The system for securing cargo as recited in claim 14, wherein said body of the track fitting is substantially C-shaped, including a first integral foot and a second integral foot defining an opening therebetween adapted to engage and secure a portion of the covering.

16. The system for securing cargo as recited in claim 13, wherein said body further comprises a projection that extends through said plunger, said projection defining an aperture for receiving a cable to impede the vertical movement of said plunger.

17. The system for securing cargo as recited in claim 16, wherein the ends of said cable are secured to one another to prevent the undesired removal of said cable from said aperture of said projection.

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18. The system for securing cargo as recited in claim 17, wherein a tracking label is secured to the ends of said cable.

19. The system for securing cargo as recited in claim 13, wherein said covering is constructed from a material that, when cut, signals that the cargo has been tampered with.

20. The system for securing cargo as recited in claim 19, wherein said covering has
5 an inner surface and an outer surface, the color of said inner surface being distinct from the color of said outer surface, such that, when cut, the color of said inner surface becomes visible.